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4.3 - COACHES' REGISTRATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- A. No person without a coach membership will be allowed to participate in any coaching capacity at any USA Swimming sanctioned competition. Coaches must be prepared to present their credentials, upon request, at meets. USA Deck Pass is considered an acceptable proof of credential.
- B. Must be certified in CPR, First Aid, complete Safety Training for Coaches, athlete protection training and complete the required USAS background check and any other USA Swimming requirements, when applying for USA Swimming Coach Membership.
- C. Must be 18 years of age as required by USA Swimming.
- D. No grace period for a newly hired coach.
- E. Penalty non-compliance:
 - (1) Persons acting in the capacity of a coach but not having met membership certifications will be barred from the meet deck.
 - (2) Clubs continuing to conduct a program with coaches who have failed to meet certification requirements shall find themselves on grounds for termination of club membership and loss of insurance coverage.
 - (3) Coaches must be fully certified by the first meet they attend. If the coach is not certified by the first meet they attend, all members of the teams will be considered unattached, and the club will be suspended from the LSC until proper certifications are obtained and a new club registration fee of \$200.00 is paid to the LSC.
- F. Coaches' certification will be handled by the ND LSC Technical Chair.
- G. SAFETY - Since coaches exercise extensive control over the use and content of an athlete's time when involved in swimming, it is logical that the safety message and action begin with them.

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(1) GOALS OF SAFETY PROGRAM:

- a. To keep the competition and fun in swimming.
- b. To renew everyone's safety awareness.
- c. To foster an evolution of safety.
- d. To develop, in all, an understanding for the need for safety education.
- e. To reduce injury frequency.
- f. To reduce injury severity.
- g. To develop a realization that all communications, both about success and failures, are important.
- h. To create a team with a "bias for action."
- i. To express the USA Swimming caring for the well-being of the athlete.

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